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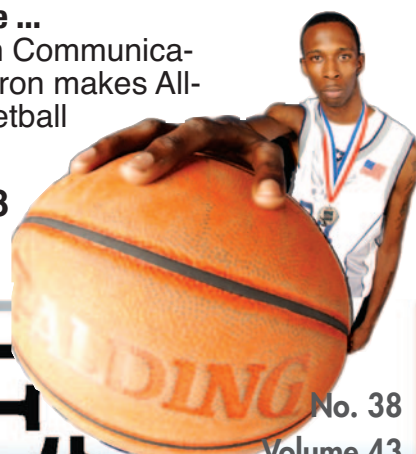
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Photo by Steve Gallagher

This 14-inch long Piranha was found in Skelton Lake Saturday. Neil Bass, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron natural resource manager, said that the odds of more Piranhas living in the lake are highly unlikely.

Piranha caught on base

■ **Carnivorous fish a 'once in a lifetime' find**

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

The sound of gritting teeth startled Staff Sgt. Charles Bouldin when he pulled out an odd-looking creature with his daughter's fishing pole at Skelton Lake.

Sergeant Bouldin and his four-year-old daughter, Savanna, had planned on enjoying a few hours fishing Sept. 16, when the strange creature caught his eye. The 509th Maintenance Squadron member had already pulled out a few catfish when he noticed his daughter struggling with a fish.

"It fought as hard as the catfish," Sergeant Bouldin said. "But the way that it moved was different."

He didn't know then, but the fish he caught was a *Pygocentrus nattereri*, or Red Belly Piranha.

"I was amazed," said Sergeant Bouldin, a Hopkinsville, Ky., native who has been fishing for 24 years. "I couldn't believe that we caught it."

Piranhas, a carnivorous flesh-eating fish native to South American countries, thrive in freshwater environments. Neil Bass, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron natural

resource manager, said that the odds of a piranha surviving Skelton Lake's cold waters are unlikely.

"They'd be floating dead soon," he said.

A base resident who had the piranha as a pet may have decided to "liberate" the fish into the lake, Mr. Bass said.

Cases of piranhas attacking humans are rare, Mr. Bass said. However, base members should use caution while walking near the base lake and keep children and pets away from the shore. Moving a piranha out of its natural habitat causes problems for nearby plant and animal species other than humans.

"The (Piranha) capture is an excellent example of a problem the world is facing with man species," Mr. Bass said. "New species introduced to an environment cause \$100 billion in control efforts and damage yearly (www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov)."

In the 1940s, brown tree snakes were brought to Guam. The introduction produced disastrous results as the snakes drove nine of 11 bird, four of 14 lizard and one of three mammal species to extinction. The species that survived suffered major population declines.

Meanwhile, Sergeant Bouldin and his daughter treasure their rare find.

"I'm going to mount it," he said. "It's a once in a lifetime thing."

Piranha facts

■ The piranhas, or *pirañas*, are a group of carnivorous freshwater fish living in South American rivers. They belong to five genera of the subfamily of Serrasalminae (which also includes closely related herbivorous fish including pacus and silver dollars).

They are normally about 15 to 25 cm long (6 to 10 inches) long, although reportedly individuals have been found up to 40 cm in length. They are known for their sharp teeth and an aggressive appetite for meat and flesh.

■ They are normally only found in the Amazonian and Paraguayan river systems. However, piranha (most likely former aquarium-dwellers) are also occasionally found in the Potomac River. They typically do not survive the cold winters of that region.

■ Piranhas generally pose little threat to humans, and human attacks are extremely seldom. Natives frequently swim in piranha infested water without attacks or scratches. It is not recommended to swim where piranha live in drought season because of increased aggressiveness caused by food scarcity.

■ The name piranha may come from a hybrid language composed of Tupi-Guarani languages; it may be a compound word made of the components 'pirá', meaning 'fish', and 'sanha' or 'ranha', meaning 'tooth'.

(www.reference.com)

Air Force mobilizes for Hurricane Rita

By Louis Arana-Barradas

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — As Hurricane Rita churns through the Gulf of Mexico, the Air Force is mobilizing forces in anticipation of the storm hitting the Texas Gulf Coast.

The Category 5 hurricane — some are already calling it a "monster storm" — could make landfall near Galveston by late Sept. 23 or early Sept. 24, National Hurricane Center officials said. The storm's winds have already reached 165 mph.

Galveston, which is about 50 miles south of Houston, is on a 2-mile wide barrier island. City officials there have already ordered the city evacuated. Others along the coast are also packing up and leaving.

In the meantime, U.S. Northern Command is ready to respond to requests for help by the Federal Emergency Management Agency before, or in the wake of the hurricane, command officials said. Forces will deploy where needed, officials said.

Thousands of troops are still helping FEMA with relief and recovery efforts along the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast ravaged by Hurricane Katrina three weeks ago. Northern Command is working to develop plans to reposition some of those troops to other areas, officials said.

As the hurricane nears Texas, military members and their families at bases along the Gulf Coast face evacuation to Lackland Air Force Base here. That could happen at any time, said Wayne Bryant, a Lackland spokesman. Those people will evacuate to Lackland.

He said from 3,000 to 3,500 people could arrive in the next few days. This is not a new mission at the base. It was the reception point for thousands of Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Airmen there received 89 flights in 55 hours carrying more than 9,700 people during the Labor Day holiday weekend. San Antonio provided refuge for the displaced people from New Orleans.

With this latest hurricane just days away, the military has a defense coordinating officer and a defense coordinating element on the ground in Austin, Texas. Their job is to liaison between Northern Command and FEMA and with other federal and state agencies.

The command also announced it is ready to use Fort Sam Houston here as a staging base. Officials are now

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Air Force Quiz

Who was the first command chief master sergeant of the Air Force?

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Chief Master Sgt. Paul Airey was appointed in Apr. 3, 1967 and retired Aug. 1 1970.

Answer of the week

AEFs feel Katrina's effects

By Gen. Ronald Keys

Air Combat Command Commander

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we now find ourselves in the beginning of another Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation into and out of Southwest Asia.

As a result of the hurricane, we now have Airmen who won't be deploying because of the immediate need to take care of their families. Even more will not deploy because they are engaged supporting Joint Task Force-Katrina. Still others who are in AEF pair 1 and 2 will assist in relief efforts and still be required to deploy during their scheduled AEF window in May 2006 – less than the normal 16-month allotted down time.

Commanders and the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center have been engaged across the board on tasking issues already, but we know there are more hur-

dles to come. Experience tells us the challenges will be short notice and important.

With this in mind, I want you to know the three top priorities we are working here at Air Combat Command.

First, we need to make sure the AEF flows with the force it needs. That may drive some short-notice taskings and change-outs for people as we continue to support JTF-Katrina.

Second, we need a full accounting of where our people are in the disaster area and where they evacuated, all while reconstituting our force and facilities.

Third, we need to continue to lean forward to provide all the capabilities we can to meet the needs of our people and others in the region.

On top of this national disaster and operational turbulence, we have kids starting school, energy prices painfully high, holiday seasons approaching and probably more local distractors that we haven't seen

and can't predict. All of this is going to mean uncertainty, stress and long hours for our people and equipment.

I need every ACC Airman to make sure we are doing the right things in the right way. I need every supervisor and leader to make sure we are making prudent decisions when it comes to accepting risk. We must be good wingmen and leaders who are alert and taking care of each other ... deployed and at home.

At the command, we are working hard to get the resources needed for the taskings and mitigate some of the impact; but this is going to be a particularly tough few months, and we will need to make sure we keep our eye on the ball.

I'm proud of how each of you have risen to the challenges we've faced already. Working together and taking care of our wingmen, I'm confident we can continue to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

The paper's changing to serve our readers better

You may have noticed the name change and the new look of our base newspaper. The paper's staff and I agreed that the front page could showcase even better all the unique and important missions we do here. We may not think about it often, but Whiteman really is a poster for the Total Force — where Active, Reserve, and Guard — from the Air Force, Army and Navy! All live, train and fight together. That sense of community is now reflected on the first page of our base newspaper.

Our base paper's mission is to link people and leaders together through a free flow of news, knowledge and ideas. It's important to me that the *Spirit Times* is a useful source of information for you. It should help you understand how military policies, programs and operations affect each



of us, and it should be an interesting read. Lastly, it's my intent that we focus on people and highlight our individual and team achievements. If you have suggestions for articles or improvements to

the newspaper, the *Spirit Times* staff welcomes your feedback. Please send comments to the spirit.times@whiteman.af.mil — Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing Commander.

Feedback can produce positive results

By Lt. Col. Kevin Gulden

509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander

In 1997, while stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., I learned a valuable lesson about the power of feedback. At the time, I didn't even realize I was providing feedback. I was just being straightforward with one of my Airmen when I told him his dream didn't look like it was possible based on his current situation. The message he took from that conversation taught me a valuable lesson and changed my leadership approach.

A young senior airman came to me and said "Captain, I want to be a pilot. Can you help me?" I anxiously offered my assistance. I looked at his enlisted performance reports and they weren't stellar; alternating between fours and fives. "How many college credits have you completed?" Twelve, he said.

I sadly, but honestly, explained to the Airman, named Lamont, that I didn't see flight training in his future. His records did not support him getting an ROTC scholarship and by the time he completed enough credits to be eligible for officer training school he would be too old to be eligible for pilot training. I recommended he set himself a new goal that was within his reach. He left quite dejected and I thought that was the end of it.

Three years later I got an email from Lamont. He told me he was an AFROTC Cadet at East Carolina University and he owed it all to me. He thanked me for all I had done for him and told me I had made a big difference in his life. You see, apparently before me, no one had ever given Lamont honest feedback. They encouraged him to pursue his goals but didn't have

the courage to tell him that the path he was on would not lead to his goal. Lamont went on to be the cadet wing commander at ECU and is currently flying C-130s.

I learned a valuable lesson from Lamont. People can accomplish amazing things when they are given honest feedback on their performance. It is uncomfortable to look someone in the eye and tell them their shortfalls but it is absolutely imperative, as supervisors, that we do this. If we do not, we are shorting the Air Force and, more importantly, shorting the development of those relying on us to lead them. As I tell my troops in my crude maintenance speak, "If your troop sucks and you don't tell them they suck, they will continue to suck."

Giving feedback is important, but seeking it out is equally important. Most of us want to do the best that we can in everything we do and we need that feedback. I have been lucky enough in my career to have some good supervisors give me quality feedback that helped me improve. But not all feedback comes from your boss. Some of the most important feedback we get comes from our subordinates. Many good lieutenants are made successful under the careful mentorship of a top-notch senior noncommissioned officer. I know I can improve my performance by seeking out feedback from my chiefs, my first sergeant, my officers, my secretary and my wife. Hopefully I can apply this feedback to make me a better officer and a better commander.

I helped Lamont achieve his goals simply being honest with him. Lamont realized his dream. With your help, your troops can, too.

Just swipe and link

Users can log on to Portal with common access card

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Users can now log on to the Air Force Portal using their common access card and personal identification number.

This latest change to the Air Force Portal means fewer passwords for users to remember and leads to greater security for Air Force networks, said Maj. David Gindhart of the Air Force warfighting integration and chief information officer directorate at the Pentagon.

“We have gone to a newer, easier, more secure way of logging into the Air Force Portal,” Major Gindhart said. “The beauty of the CAC login is that it requires you to physically have (a CAC) issued through the proper authorities, and then you have to have the PIN. So it's a two-factor authentication, much stronger than the user ID and password combination.”

Major Gindhart said getting the Air Force Portal to recognize your CAC is easy. Users should go to the Portal Web site at <https://www.my.af.mil> and click the “New/existing users start here” link under the “Register Now with CAC” heading.

“It'll take a few minutes to associate your CAC with your user ID and password,” the major said. “In the background it'll take about 30 minutes for the software to update. From there on out you use the CAC to log in.”

If users need to log into the Portal from home or any machine without a CAC reader, they will still be able to log in with their password and ID combination, he said.

When users use their CAC to access the Portal, they will continue to have access to the reduced sign-on access applications they have set up, such as the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, myPay, Air Force Personnel Center secure, Air Force Virtual Education Center, the fitness management system and more.

The Portal will continue to change and improve as the DOD updates requirements for network user authentication, Major Gindhart said.

“Where the Portal goes depends on where the DOD goes with identification mechanisms,” he said. “Clearly, things like biometrics are the future — whether it be finger, thumb or retinal scan. Those are things they are looking at.”



Air Force photo illustration

Users can now log on to the Air Force Portal using their common access card and personal identification number.

Airman dies in Egypt

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — The Airman who died Sept. 19 in a motor vehicle accident in Egypt has been identified.

First Lieutenant Sarah Small, a public affairs officer assigned to the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center here, was in Egypt supporting Exercise Bright Star, a recurring joint/combined training exercise, when the accident occurred.

“This is an incredibly sad time for the AEF Center and for the Air Force. Our

hearts go out to Sarah's family and friends,” said Col. Brian Kelly, AEFC vice commander. “Sarah was an energetic, exceptionally bright young officer who made significant and lasting contributions to the Air Force, the local community and our great nation.”

The 25-year-old Herndon, Va., native arrived at Langley in November 2003 and had been on active duty since 2002. She was a 2002 graduate of Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va.

Airmen in New Orleans prepare for Hurricane Rita

By Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard
4th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

NEW ORLEANS (AFPN) — As Hurricane Rita gains strength in the Gulf of Mexico, the men and women of the 4th Air Expeditionary Group here are preparing for yet another storm surge.

As of Sept. 21, weather experts were predicting that 2 to 4 inches of rain may fall here when Rita passes by later this week.

Although the main body of the hurricane is not expected to make landfall here, this slight risk is still too risky for 4th AEG officials.

“Preparations are underway to secure our assets here at New Orleans Louis Armstrong Airport,” said Lt. Col. Dean Hullings, the 4th AEG deputy commander who is deployed from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

In response to this threat, Airmen are hard at work stacking sandbags and reorganizing the tent city here to help minimize the effects of any flooding in “Camp Gumbo.”

When one-half inch of rain fell at tent city on Sept. 16, much of the camp flooded. While most of the preparation is preemptive by nature, the workload is worth it to the Airmen here.

“Depending on the size of the storm and its projected impact on this area, the 4th AEG will take appropriate action to protect our people and as much of our equipment as possible,” Colonel Hullings said.

News briefs

Heat plant schedules shutdown

The central heat plant will shut down from normal operations from 4-10 a.m. Sunday. The steam outage will affect the steam humidity, hot water, heat and air-conditioning to the majority of the buildings on the base. The following buildings that will have the most impact during this outage are listed below:

- All dorms will have no hot water.
- The fitness center will have no hot water.
- The Whiteman clinic will have no hot water, air conditioning.
- Ozark Inn will have no hot water.
- All major industrial buildings will have no humidity control.

For more details, call Steve Manion at 687-2533.

New units introduced in ceremony

The 325th Bomb Squadron, one of the two operational B-2 Squadrons here, will be re-designated as the 13th Bomb Squadron “Reapers,” in an activation ceremony at 1:25 p.m. Friday.

The 13th Bomb Squadron, created in 1917 as the 13th Aero Squadron, have since earned the most heraldry points of any bomber unit in the history of the United States Air Force, taking part in missions during both world wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Anaconda, Operation Iraqi Freedom and more.

Also during the activation ceremony, the 325th will replace the 715th Weapons Squadron here to be re-born as the 325th Weapons Squadron. Retired members of the 13th BS will be present at the event, as well as several static display aircraft including the A-26, B-1, B-2 and B-25. Attendants can also view a Warbirds static display, a B-25 “Show me” and and A-26 “Lady Liberty.”

BCC luncheon set

The next base community council luncheon begins at noon Oct. 6 at Mission's End. Cole Camp, Mo. and Warsaw, Mo., are the featured communities. The menu is roast beef, glazed potatoes and vegetable medley. The cost is \$8.50. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon Monday, Oct. 3. Sorry, no late R.S.V.P.s will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call Melissa Klinkner at 687-6122.

Retiree Appreciation Day set

The annual Retiree Appreciation Day takes place 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday with activities at Mission's End and ending with a base tour. For security reasons, attendees must have a valid military ID card or be accompanied by someone who has one. For questions, call 1-800-303-5608.

Scouts meeting scheduled for Wednesday

Sarah Roy talks with parents at Whiteman's recent Cub Scout round-up. The Cub Scout program is open to boys in grades 1-5. Whiteman's Club Scout Pack 405 hosts its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the community center. For more information or to join Whiteman's Cub Scout pack, call Sarah Roy at 660-233-3162 or Scott Armstead at 660-233-2714.



Fixing in Fog



Photo by Capt. Joe DellaVedova

Senior Airman Kimberly Byers, a 442nd Fighter Wing weapons load crew member, replaces an argon bottle in an AIM-9 Sidewinder missile. The argon gas is used to cool the seeker head, so the missile can detect enemy heat signatures. The missiles are loaded onto A-10s for air-to-air defense. The missiles can strike targets within 10 miles.

Save time and money 'CLEP' it



By Senior Airman Christian Michael

1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) —

There is a way for Airmen to earn their degrees using knowledge gained from work and personal study, while at the same time saving money and shortening time spent in classes.

The College Level Examination Program and the Excelsior examination program are available to servicemembers in pursuit of a college degree.

These programs save students time, money and encompass a large variety of courses.

They are in high demand because they can eliminate general course credits. While military education does cover some general education requirements, it does not cover or is not accredited in class like English composition, mathematics, natural science, social science, history and humanities.

However, CLEP general exams cover most first-year level college work, according to Rozzie Lovett, the education services officer at the Langley Education Center here. CLEP subject exams usually cover a wide range and variety of subjects and fields which can be applied toward higher-level requirements. The examination program, along with Excelsior exams, also cover subjects that are more specific to degree programs, though they usually do not exceed second-year college level exams.

Except for specialized exams, such as speech, which requires a taped impromptu speech, most exams are uniform in nature.

"The CLEP general examinations are timed and multiple choice; the subject exams are timed also, but are not multiple choice" Mrs. Lovett said. "Test results are usually received at the education center three to six weeks after the test date."

There are so many benefits to taking CLEP exams, she said. It saves students and the government money; students don't have to pay for school time, books, gas or living costs that can build up while attending school.

Passed exams have saved the government more than \$300,000 in the past year in class costs and other fees, Mrs. Lovett said. That does not include how much money students have saved paying for the courses.

Tech. Sgt. Edward Perry, the 1st Fighter Wing command chief assistant here, has completed four exams within the past year toward his speech, humanities, ethics and English courses. Currently working

Did you know?

■ College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support tests are available at no cost to active duty members. The education center conducts testing at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and noon Wednesdays in Bldg. 145, Room two. More than 2,900 schools nationwide, including the Community College of the Air Force, award college credit for these tests. Study guides are available on the education center homepage. For more details or to schedule a test, call 687-5750.

■ CLEP tests can be combined with technical training, AFSC skill levels, and college courses can be combined to complete the 64 semester hours required for a Community College of the Air Force applied science degree Airmen can speak to an education Center counselor find out how many credits they have toward their degree, and which tests and/or classes they need to complete it.

■ Students should beware of purchasing CLEP study guides and test preparation materials that may be offered in conjunction with a contract purchase of other items.

toward a bachelor's degree in construction technology, he finds the monetary benefits the best part of the program.

"It doesn't cost a dime for military members," he said, "I can get college credit toward a degree with information I already know."

CLEP and Excelsior exams are free for active-duty military members, free or a minimal cost to reservists and guardsmen, and are relatively inexpensive for dependents and retirees. On top of the low cost and convenience, there are great benefits for the CLEP exams that keep students coming back.

"Students can take as many CLEPs as they want in any period of time," said Mrs. Lovett. "If they fail one, however, they cannot retake the exact same test for another six months."

Because of Sergeant Perry's schedule, his biggest benefit is the time saved by taking test.

"It's a great benefit for those of us in the military who have our time spent in so many other directions, because we can work toward our degree while still doing our duty," he said.

He also pointed out the value of receiving credit for knowledge gained and practiced elsewhere.

"Why would I want to take a class in a subject I'm already well-versed in?" Sergeant Perry said. "Because of these tests, I spend less time in class. This frees me up for other classes I need."

According to Sergeant Perry, CLEP subject study books at the base library can prepare students to take the test.

For more information on military education programs call the education center at 687-5750.

Anthrax fast facts

What is anthrax?

Anthrax is an acute infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*.

How is anthrax transmitted?

Anthrax infection can occur in three forms: cutaneous (skin), inhalational, and gastrointestinal.

What are the symptoms of anthrax?

Symptoms of disease vary, but symptoms usually occur within 7 days.

Cutaneous: Most (about 95%) anthrax infections occur when the bacterium enters a cut or abrasion on the skin. Skin infection begins as a raised itchy bump within 1-2 days develops into a painless ulcer black area in the

center. Deaths are rare with appropriate therapy.

Inhalational: Symptoms may resemble a common cold. After several days, the symptoms progress to severe breathing problems and shock. — Usually fatal.

Intestinal: Initial signs of nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, fever, abdominal pain, vomiting of blood, and severe diarrhea. — Results in death up to 60 percent.

Is there a treatment for anthrax?

Doctors can prescribe antibiotics. Treatment should be initiated early. If left untreated, the disease can be fatal.

The Department of Defense recommends that servicemen and women contact their chain of command on questions about the vaccine and its distribution. The anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program in the U.S. Army Surgeon General's Office can be reached at 1-877-GET-VACC (1-877-438-8222). <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil>.

Tech Sgt. Danielle Dunnivant, 509th Medical Group "helps" mock anthrax victim, Airman Michael Mason 509th Communications Squadron, during a training exercise. Twelve Airmen from the First Term Airmen's Course volunteered to be victims for the event.

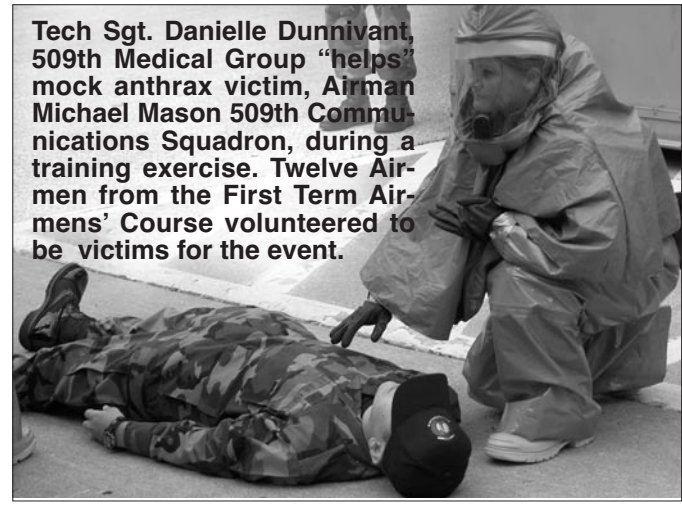


Photo by Staff Sgt. Monika Perry

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1st Sergeant's View



(EDITOR'S NOTE) — The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to share their thoughts about the Air Force, uniform wear, customs and courtesies and proper decorum with other Airmen. Each edition will feature a different first sergeant who will share their view.)

By Master Sgt Mark Cherry
509th Communications Squadron

How many times have you heard the phrase, “wait until you get in the real Air Force,” in the past?

I would imagine, like most, you first heard this phrase, or one like it, in basic training and couldn't wait to get basic behind you so you could be in “the *real* Air Force.” Then you probably heard the phrase again when you arrived at technical school. You were disappointed to discover that you were still not in “the *real* Air Force,” because even the instructors were talking about “back in the *real* Air Force.” After graduating from technical school, you were excited and knew what you have signed up for was about to happen — you were almost there — almost in the *real* Air Force. Then you finally got to your first duty section and met your supervisor who quickly informs you to forget everything you learned in technical school — because that's not how we do it in the real Air Force. You were soon off to two weeks at the first term Airmen course and are just starting to get the comfortable feeling of settling in and thinking you finally made it, when the first sergeant guest speaker started talking about “back in the day” and the “real Air Force.” Everyone seems confused about what this *real* Air Force is — and where to find it. You have yet to find anyone who

will confirm that you are a member of the *real* Air Force. During my time in the Air Force, basic training, technical schools, various assignments and even at deployed locations, I have wondered about this magical, elusive and mysterious *real* Air Force. “What is it and where is it?” The one constant I have seen is the outstanding professionals and teams I've worked with at every location. You see, weapons systems, equipment, airplanes, facilities, infrastructure ... they don't make up the *real* Air Force — it's you and me. If you want to know what the *real* Air Force is, look around — your cubicle, the flight line, the mess hall, the back shop and over at the military personnel flight ... the *real* Air Force is everywhere. In the morning when you look in the mirror you see a direct reflection of the *real* Air Force — you. The next time you hear someone talking about the *real* Air Force, correct them and let them know that they are the *real* Air Force — It's not where you're assigned or how cool your gear is, it's who you are and what you bring to the mission everyday. Welcome to the real Air Force.

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In July, nine Airmen received Article 15, UCMJ punishment, five were discharged and one was tried by a special court-marital.

Article 15

An airman 1st class from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron received an Article 15 for failing to go. Punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 30 day base restriction and 30 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class from the 509th CES received an Article 15 for disrespecting and disobeying an NCO. Punishment is reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

An airman basic from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for damage to military property under \$500. Punishment was a suspended forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months and restriction to base for 60 days.

A technical sergeant from the 509th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for DUI. Punishment was a reduction to E-5, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay per

month for two months and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant from the 509th MUNS received an Article 15 for being AWOL and dereliction of duty, failing to remain at home on six-ring standby. Punishment was a suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 509th MUNS received an Article 15 for disobeying a command. Punishment is suspended airman 1st class reduction and 10 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for violating a general order by chambering an M-4 and pointing it at another person. Punishment was a reduction to airman basic with reduction below airman suspended, suspended forfeiture of \$617 pay per month for two months, 45 days restriction to base suspended, 45 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 assault and battery. Punishment was forfeiture of \$100 for one month and 7 days extra duty.

An airman basic from the 509th SFS

received an Article 15 for assault and battery, dereliction of duty, disrespecting an NCO, and being drunk and disorderly. Punishment was restriction to base for 30 days, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Discharges

An airman 1st class from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included being late to work numerous times, dereliction of duty, and violating safety regulations.

An airman basic from the 509th AMXS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions including: failure to pay debts; failure to refrain from using government travel card while not on PCS or TDY status; and for being AWOL.

A senior airman from the 509th CES received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included being late to work, disobeying a lawful order as well as a direct order. Additionally, member failed to pay just debts.

An airman basic from the 509th CES received a general discharge for disciplinary infractions including: stealing from another Airman; failure to obey lawful orders; and being out of regulations.

An airman 1st class from the 509th MUNS received a general discharge for drug abuse and disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included wrongful use of marijuana, failure to pay just debts, using government travel card while not on PCS or TDY status, and being late to work.

Courts-Martial

Airman Basic Joshua Edmondson, 509th LRS, was tried and convicted by special court-martial for UCMJ violations including: Article 121, larceny and wrongful appropriation, Article 80, attempted larceny and wrongful appropriation, and Article 134, making and uttering worthless checks. The sentence was a bad conduct discharge, four months confinement, and forfeiture \$823 pay per month for four months.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joan Anderson-Brown

Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Airman 1st Class Orlando Roig, 509th Operations Support Squadron, cut the Air Force birthday cake during the Air Force Ball Saturday at the 442nd Fighter Wing 5-Bay hangar. It is an Air Force tradition to have the most senior ranking Airman and the youngest Airman cut the cake.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joan Anderson-Brown

More than 500 people attended the Air Force Ball Saturday. This ball marked the Air Force's 58th birthday. The event consisted of a social hour, a toast, dinner, music by the Veterans of Note Band, and the guest speaker was former Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Donald Rice.

Thank You

Team Whiteman:

Thank you for making our Air Force birthday such a special event. We had a wonderful time and we hope you did as well. It is no small feat to transform a military hangar into a decorated ballroom and many of you made it happen with style!

Our guest speaker, former Secretary of the Air Force Donald Rice, was truly impressed with your professionalism and all that we do to fly, fight and win.

All the decorations and music helped to create the right atmosphere honoring our service's past, present and future; however, what made this birthday celebration most memorable was you – our community friends, our family members and our fellow Airmen – gathered together to honor America's Air Force.

Thank you for your dedicated service and support.

Sincerely,

Brig. Gen. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing
commander

Col. Pat Cord
442nd Fighter Wing
commander



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mat Nisotis

Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, dances during the Air Force Ball.

Fast Facts

- ◆ The national Security Act of 1947, which created the Department of the Air Force, became law on July 26, 1947.
- ◆ On Sept. 18, 1947, W. Stuart Symington became the first secretary of the Air Force, and on Sept. 26, Gen. Carl Spaatz became the first Air Force chief of staff.
- ◆ Air Force Chief of Staff General Michael Moseley is the 18th chief of staff.
- ◆ Chief Master sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray is the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.



Photo by Master Sgt. Gregory Scott

Senior Airman Daniel Endris, receives the ceremonial torch from Airman 1st Class Thomass during the POW/MIA Remembrance Day Sept. 16. They are both 509th Operations Support Squadron members. Every squadron on base participated in a 24-hour vigil run around the base lake.

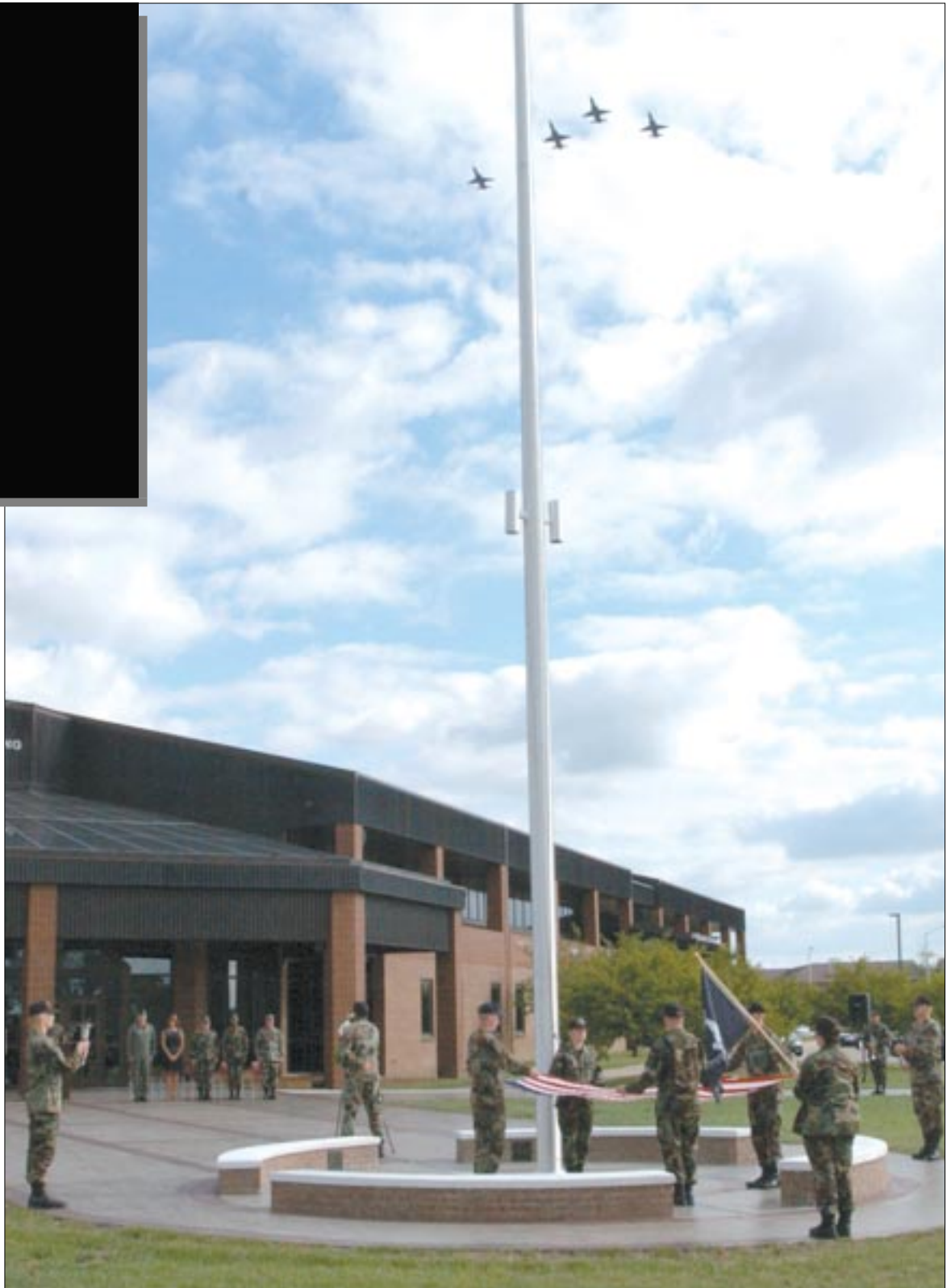


Photo by Master Sgt. Gregory Scott

Honor guard members fold the flag while four T-38's fly over in the "missing man" formation Sept. 16 at the base flag pole. The missing man formation is a tribute showing love, respect and camaraderie for servicemembers. The Air Force Thunderbirds were the first U.S. military aerobatic unit to perform the maneuver.



Photo by Master Sgt. Gregory Scott

More than 300 Airmen attended the event at the base flag pole outside of the bomb wing building.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Monika Perry

Col. Robert Wheeler, 509th Operations Group commander, Senior Master Sgt. Courtney Davis, 509th OSS, and Lt. Col. Scott Young, 509th OG deputy commander, were the first runners during the 24-hour vigil-run, which started at 4 p.m. Sept. 15 and ended 4 p.m. Sept. 16 in front of the 509th Bomb Wing headquarters building. The vigil run was followed by a ceremony that honored prisoners of war and service members who are missing in action.

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Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Commissioning briefing offered


The base training and education services staff will be offering an "Enlisted Commissioning Opportunities" briefing at 1 p.m., Thursday in Room 20 of the education center.

An admissions officer from the Air Force ROTC detachment at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will present information about ROTC programs.

Larry Broudrick, base guidance counselor, will also give an Officer Training School presentation.

Seating is limited. For reservations or more details, call 687-2420.


Education open house

 The base education center is hosting a golf themed open house from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Sept. 30, at the education center lawn.

Lunch, information, golf games and prizes will be provided. For more details, call the education center at 687-2420.

Team Whiteman Community

Blood drive today

 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. today at the community activities center.

Officers' spouses' club social set

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club is hosting a "solve a mystery" social at the next OSC gathering Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Mission's End.

Attendees should dress in their 70's attire for the event. To RSVP, call Cherie Mockler at 747-0751 by noon Sunday.

Changes in women's health clinic

The 509th Medical Group's Women's Health Clinic is temporarily without a provider due to a PCS.

Contact your primary care manager for any women's health concerns.

If you have questions about this temporary absence of the Women's Health Clinic provider, call the 1st Lt. Phillip Oliphant, 509th Medical Group Practice Manager, at 687-4288.

AADD seeks volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving, a base organization that promotes safety, is looking for volunteers.

AADD is a basewide program that has volunteers on 24/7 telephone standby for any Airman who feels he or she has had too much to drink and needs a ride home.

AADD's goal is to eliminate cases of driving under the influence and driving while intoxicated on Whiteman and in the surrounding community.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen at 687-6121 or mary.olsen@whiteman.af.mil.

WOSC hosts auction

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club is sponsoring an art auction on Oct. 21, at Mission's End.

Art previewing starts at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit scholarships and charitable gifts. Tickets cost \$10 in advance (until Oct. 17) or \$15 at the door and include hors d'oeuvres and desserts.


Dress is duty uniform or civilian casual. For more information or tickets call Michelle Pepkowitz at 747-6725 or Bobbie Irmischer at 429-6578.

WESC hosts craft show

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club is looking for vendors for the fall craft show for Nov. 12.

Booths cost \$25 and space is limited. To register a vendor, or for more details, call Jenette Curtis at 233-3507 or e-mail craftshow2005@yahoo.com.

Food pantry needs donations

 The Whiteman Food Pantry, located in the Family Support Center, needs donations. Donated items benefit Airmen and their families in need. Donations can be given anytime by placing food items in the collection bin permanently located in the commissary.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserves and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more information, call them at 687-1500 or 687-6720.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Class helps with move

A mandatory stateside smooth move seminar for people planning to move stateside in the near future begins at 1 p.m. Thursday. Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. PCS orders are not necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

Information in the EVENTS section of the *Spirit Times* is published on a space available basis. If you would like to advertise a Team Whiteman Community event, e-mail the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office at spirit.times@whiteman.af.mil, the Friday before publication. Submitting an event does not guarantee publication.

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identifying helicopters for use in damage assessment and medical support.

As events continue unfolding, thousands of Airmen around the nation are getting ready to provide search and rescue, airlift, logistics, communications and medical support as needed. However, others are getting out of the path of the storm. Many responded to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

At Lackland, the Air Force Reserve's 433rd Airlift Wing is evacuating its fleet of C-5 Galaxy aircraft to Biggs Army Airfield in El Paso, Texas. The Air National

Guard's 149th Fighter Wing, also at the base, is sending its F-16 Fighting Falcons elsewhere, but wing officials said the site was not yet determined.

About 10 miles southeast of Houston — at Ellington Field — the Guard's 147th Fighter Wing is also sending its F-16s to another location.

"Everyone around us is evacuating," said Master Sgt. Marcus Falleaf, a wing spokesman. "The traffic getting out of the city is terrible" as people evacuating Galveston transit the city.

"But we're still airlifting evacuees from Hurricane Katrina from here," he said. "We'll keep doing that until we have to leave," Sergeant Falleaf said.

Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base Forth Worth is also ready. The 136th Airlift Wing there will have four C-130 Hercules ready for around-the-clock operations by Sept. 25, according to Texas National Guard officials.

Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., is ready to continue supporting hurricane relief operations, said

Maj. Mike Coleman, a command spokesman. AMC had a major role in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, providing airlift, command and control and other assistance.

"We've told our people to get ready to go," Major Coleman said.

Across the Gulf of Mexico, Airmen are also gearing up.

FEMA has already asked Northern Command to make Homestead Air Reserve Base, near Miami, an operational staging base to pre-position food, water and ice.

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Tall Order

Airman earns place on AF hoops team

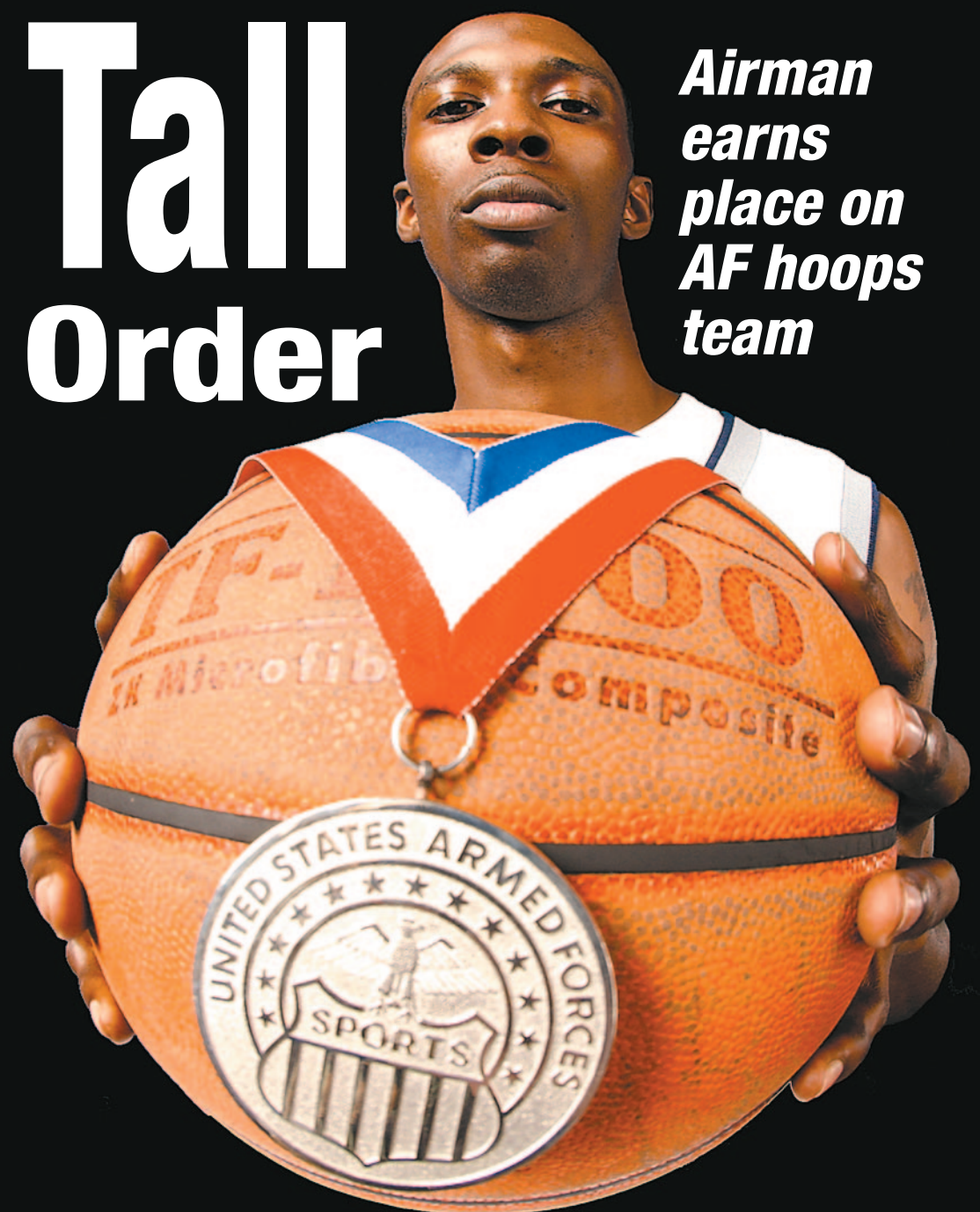


Photo illustration by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan Public Affairs

Congratulations. You've got the step on the big man, and with two quick dribble, charge toward an open rim. I've got this, I've got him beat, you think. But a bony arm extends above your head and you try to adjust but it's too late.

Using his B-2-like wingspan, Bryan Green swats your layup off the glass, stealing your two easy points.

"It's hard to get an inside shot if he's standing there," said Robert Turpin, Green's former intramural league coach. "He'll deny anybody the rim."

The 509th Communications Squadron basketball player recently joined 11 of the Air Force's best ballers to compete in the All-Armed Forces Tournament July 17-27 at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. taking on the best from the Army, Navy and Marines.

It wasn't always this easy. When the 22-year-old airman first class joined the 509th Communications Squadron hoops team last winter, he preferred to play on the perimeter.

The big man could bring the ball up the court, knock down an 18-foot jump shot. Coach Turpin took one look at Green and shook his head.

"The thing with Green was he wanted to be a point guard," Turpin said. "But the guy's 6-foot-8."

"He's basically a guard in a center's body," said teammate Jack Handley.

Easily the tallest player in the Whiteman's Intramural League, Turpin decided to utilize the big man's height.

When coach Turpin convinced his big man to play defense and rebound he dominated the paint, turning Green along with teammate Tyron Wright

into a SWAT team. While only the fourth leading scorer on CS, he lead the Whiteman intramural league in rebounds and blocked shots.

"He slapped the ball into the glass dozens of times," Turpin said.

Turpin said Green's unselfishness helped trigger CS to 13 straight wins and the league crown last winter.

Green said he models his game after his idol, NBA star Kevin Garnett of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

A poster of KG hangs in his dorm room wall and Green sports KG's throwback jersey during pickup games.

Like KG, Green possesses deceptive speed for a player with his height. Defenders often will pry at the ball while Green dribbles often making a fatal mistake.

"Guys thought they could take the ball from him," Turpin said. "But he's actually quite fast. Once he gets to the foul line, there's no stopping him."

From his intramural experiences

"He's basically a guard in a center's body."

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Falcons let lead slip away, suffer first loss

By Wayne Amann

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFP) — The Mountain West Conference billed the game as Air Force vs. the University of Wyoming. In reality, the Falcons battled the Cowboys and themselves, and lost to both.

An afternoon marred by inconsistent play caught up to Air Force Sept. 17 at Falcon Stadium when Wyoming quarterback Corey Bramlet's 1-yard touchdown run, and Deric Yaussi's successful extra point, gave the Cowboys a 29-28 lead with 1:25 left in the fourth quarter.

In football, eighty-five seconds can be an eternity if managed properly.

The Falcons took the ensuing kickoff at their own 20-yard line and fired three incomplete passes.

On fourth down, Air Force wide receiver Jason Brown caught a clutch 15-yard aerial from quarterback Shaun Carney to keep the outcome in doubt. After halfback Chad Smith ran for six yards, Carney threw toward the Falcon sideline where Wyoming free safety John Wendling intercepted with :48 left to ground the Air Force comeback bid.

The pick off symbolized nagging Air Force mistakes that kept Wyoming in the game. The Falcons fumbled three

Up next

■ The Falcons next take on Colorado State on the road Thursday at 5:30 p.m. They were scheduled to play the University of Utah in Salt Lake City last night.

times and lost one. They were intercepted twice. They were whistled for eight penalties totaling 50 yards. The kicking game was inconsistent at best.

What proved to be the most telling miscue came with 3:27 to play in the game. Carney appeared to put the Falcons ahead to stay with an 18-yard touchdown strike to Brown for a 28-22 lead. What normally is a formality, the extra point, became a misadventure when holder Danny Heaton couldn't cleanly handle a high snap from center Bryan Jones. Heaton's dash to the end zone fell short.

Bramlet and company took full advantage on their ensuing drive. In just six plays they marched 65 yards in 1:54 to recapture the lead for good.

"That was a great, great college football game," a disappointed Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry said. "We let it slip away. We should have won. You've got to make plays throughout the game. We didn't make them down the stretch at the end. That hurt us a great

deal. We said earlier in the week if we didn't do something about fumbling it was going to bite us in the rear, and it did."

Air Force (2-1, 1-1 MWC) pleased the overwhelming majority in the crowd of 41,240 late in the first quarter, when Carney capped a 79-yard, 13-play drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Scott Eberle's extra point made it 7-0. It marked the first time this season the Falcons took the first lead in a game. It was short lived.

Wyoming (2-1, 1-0 MWC) quickly countered on its next possession as Bramlet burned the Air Force secondary with a 63-yard touchdown bomb to wide receiver Jovon Bouknight. Earlier in the quarter the senior wide-out from Denver caught a modest 8-yard pass, giving him 39 straight games with a catch, a streak that leads the nation.

"That one big play hurt us," Falcon cornerback Chris Sutton admitted. "I can take some blame for that. Overall our defense played a heck of a game. It comes down to making plays at certain times. They made the right plays at the right times."

The Cowboys tying touchdown started a string of 16 unanswered points, including three field goals by Yaussi that staked Wyoming to 16-7 cushion late in the third quarter.



Photo by 2nd Lt. John Ross

Air Force Academy running back Justin Handley celebrates his first career touchdown with teammate Chad Hall.

By Capt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

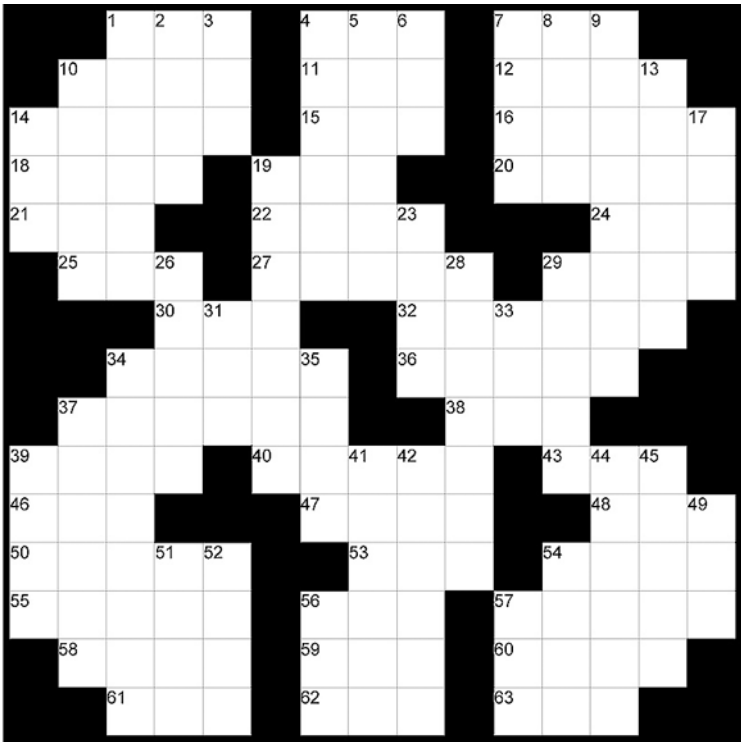
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Air Force aces, part 2



Sept. 16 solutions

GREEN,
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Green emerged with a new maturity. He has the same team-first attitude as Garnett, and that helped earn him a spot on the All-Air Force team roster, Turpin said.

At the All-Air Force team tryouts on the hardwood of the fitness center at Charleston’s, Green got his first taste of elite basketball.

He no longer could dominate the floor. No longer the tallest player on the floor he had to prove to Air Force coach John Baley he could help the team.

More than half of the players had Division I experience and it showed.

They knew how to move without the ball. They pitched crisp passes, they knew how to angle their bodies to get rebounds.

“They just knew what to do at the right time,” Green said.

Then came the final cut day when Baley and his staff would choose the final two players for the team.

The Pennsylvania native made the most of it, and said he played his best game. The coaches made him one of the final additions to the squad.

“I just felt like I had nothing to lose,” Green said. “I only had something to gain: making the team.”

The Air Force went 3-3 in the Armed Forces Tournament good enough for second place. The games were so competitive that in the Air Force’s three losses they fell by a total of 9 points.

While he didn’t receive much playing time during the tournament, he’s already preparing for next season. Green said he’s hitting the weight room more during the winter to add muscle to his 175-pound frame.

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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Katy Trial bike ride

Outdoor recreation hosts a 35-mile bike ride from Rocheport to North Jefferson City, Mo. Riders should bring a bike, helmet, puncture kit, lunch and water. Outdoor recreation can provide free bikes and helmets. The group leaves at 8 a.m. Saturday from outdoor recreation.

Wall climbing class

Learn climbing basics and safety procedures for using the 20 foot climbing wall at outdoor recreation. The class takes place 2-4 p.m. Oct. 1 and is free.

Boater safety class

Make the most of the last days of summer by renting a boat from outdoor recreation. The next class for people intending to rent a ski boat is 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 1, meeting at outdoor recreation. The cost is \$5.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Play with the pros

Pick a National Football League team and earn points during your workouts to add to their weekly tally. The individual with the most points after The Super Bowl wins an NFL team jersey of their choice. Other prizes will also be given out. See fitness center staff for rules and details.

Yoga class

Yoga is a great way to relax, strengthen and unwind mind and body. There is a free class at 6:10 p.m. every Tuesday at the fitness center.

Tickets and Travel 687-5643

Kansas City Renaissance Festival

The renaissance festival in Bonner Springs, Kan. runs weekends in September. Tickets are available from tickets and travel, \$12 adults and \$6 children age 5-12.

Six Flags, St. Louis, military special

Military members can take advantage of a \$16 special ticket price per person to Six Flags, St. Louis until Oct. 9.

Universal Studios Halloween Horror

Beginning Sept. 30 Universal Studios, Orlando, Fla., is holding its annual Halloween Horror nights including haunted houses, rides and scare zones. Discounted tickets are available from Tickets and Travel but must be ordered in advance. Call or stop by for more details.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Country night

Country music and dancing at Mission's End. 8 p.m. - midnight Sept. 30.

College football

Club member football fans can watch their favorite college teams on the 10 big screens in the Lavene lounge. Lounge food and beverages will be available for purchase.

National Football League, Sunday Ticket

Free to club members; all NFL Sunday Football games will be shown on ten plasma screens, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Royal Oaks 687-5573

Not just for golfers!

The new Royal Oaks club house offers a great new

breakfast, lunch and dinner venue. Opening at 7 a.m. Duffer's Grill serves breakfast until 10 a.m. and hamburgers, sandwiches and hot-dogs until 1 p.m. There is also a snack bar for candy bars, drinks and other snacks. On Fridays and Saturdays, 5p.m.-8p.m. the club house becomes a steak house serving steak, prime rib and chicken.

Columbus Day tournament

The Columbus day tournament starts at 9 a.m. Oct. 8 at the Royal Oaks golf course. The cost is \$20 plus cart and greens fee. Sign up by Oct. 3.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

Sunday family dollar days

The Stars and Strikes is open 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sundays for open bowling. Games and shoe rental are just \$1 each per bowler during these times.

Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

Air Force online gallery

The arts and crafts center is still accepting entries, in any medium, to the artist and craftsman Air Force gallery. Pieces will be displayed throughout September at the arts and crafts center.

Food harvester program

Donate non-perishable food to the food harvester program and receive \$1 off stall or lift fee at auto hobby.

Beginners framing class

Learn how to cut single and double mat and assembling a frame. The class is 6-9 p.m. Sept. 29 at the arts and crafts center. Participants should bring a 5-by-7 inch picture to frame. Supplies are included in the \$25 cost.

Community Center 687-5617

Xtreme wheels expo

Freeride Bike and Skate shop of Warrensburg* is putting on an exhibition starting at 1 p.m. Saturday at the base skate ramp. There will also be a competition for base certified skaters with prizes, supplied by Freeride* and American Ramp Company.*

Whiteman/CMSU chess challenge

Pit your strategic brain against chess players from Whiteman and Central Missouri State University. The tournament starts 11 a.m. Oct. 8 at the community center. The cost is \$5. Prizes for first and second place will be awarded.

Teen Center 687-5819

Open recreation

Looking for a place to chill or play a game with friends? The teen center has a pool table, fooseball, air hockey, movies, music, board games, a computer or just space to hang out with friends. Open recreation is available 3p.m.-closing every Monday-Saturday, free to members, \$1 to nonmembers.

Midnight basketball

Teens can show off their basketball skills at a late night court session. The event starts 8 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. The teen center is closed during this event.

Arts and crafts

Wednesday's free arts and crafts session at the teen center will focus on mosaics. Teens are welcome to come along 5 p.m.-7 p.m. to join in.

Youth Center 687-5586

Basketball enrollment

Registration packs for kindergarten-seventh grade basketball are available at the youth center. Packs should be returned 6:30a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sept. 30 or Oct. 3. The cost is \$30 for members and \$38 for nonmembers. Practice starts in November.

Movie Schedule

Friday 7 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m.

Valiant

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Starring voices- Ewan McGregor, Tim Curry and John Cleese.

Saturday 7 p.m. and Sunday 5 p.m.

Four Brothers

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Starring- Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, Andre' Benjamin and Garrett Hedlund.

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75

Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.

School pride kids' night out

Children ages 6-9 can show school spirit by wearing their school colors to kids' night out, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 30. Activities will include making a school pennant, watching a movie and games in the gym.

Worldwide day of play

Whiteman youths, ages 6-18, can take part in the national program coordinated by the boys and girls clubs of America* in conjunction with Nickelodeon* and Air Combat Command. The activities start at 9 a.m. in the youth center parking lot. There will be sports, games, crafts, face painting and a chance to check out the new Fitfactor Air Force program. The event is free and children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed to provide care for the following: evenings, weekends, swing shift workers, infants, special needs and mildly ill children. The Air Force is now offering a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125 a week per qualifying child. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Drop in care

The child development center can provide child care for all ages on a space available basis for \$3 per hour.

Library 687-6217

Library computing resources

The base library offers 18 public access workstations with broadband Internet access, Microsoft Office and Adobe Photoshop 6.0. There are also three laptop connection points, a scanner, color printer and special parent/child workstation in the children's collection.

Story time

Story time for pre-schoolers takes place every Wednesday at 10 a.m. 3-5-year-olds can listen to a story or take part in a craft activity at the library. There is also the library's dial-a-story program with a new story every week. Available 24 hours-a-day by calling 687-6255.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Heartworm treatment

Fall is here but it is still important to continue giving dogs a monthly heartworm preventative. Dogs should be tested yearly for heartworm and take a preventative year round. If any doses have been missed, make an appointment at the vet clinic to schedule a test. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.